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SUBJECT: KIM IL-SONG INVITES PROMINENT AMERICANS TO VISIT  
 DPRK

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT DINNER NOVEMBER 15, PRINCE SIHANOUK TOLD MISOFF AND OTHER GUESTS THAT HE HAD DELIVERED INVITATIONS TO VISIT NORTH KOREA FROM KIM IL SONG TO FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON, FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ. SIHANOUK SAID THAT HE HAD NO REPLY FROM NIXON OR KISSINGER, BUT THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM SOLARZ, WHO HAD HAD SPECIFIED THAT THE PURPOSE OF A VISIT SHOULD BE TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND THAT THE DPRK SHOULD TRY TO PERSUADE CHINA AND THE USSR TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA. SIHANOUK ADDED THAT KIM IL-SONG HAD ASKED NIXON AND KISSINGER BECAUSE THEY HAD CHANGED US POLICY ON CHINA, AND SOLARZ BECAUSE OF THE INTEREST HE HAD ALREADY SHOWN IN NORTH KOREA.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS TO SEOUL AND BANGKOK.

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